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Dear Sir,

Comment on Recommendation 6

"Joint Adoption should be extended to all unmarried couples, same + opposite sex"

I am deeply concerned about changing the law to allow unmarried heterosexual + homosexual couples to adopt children. Adoption by a homosexual couples deny children the right to a mother or father, which I strongly oppose. The adoption system should encourage married couples to adopt + not compete with unmarried couples.

There is plenty of evidence that parenting by married couples provides the best outcome for children - the worst outcomes are for children raised by same-sex couples.

Please consider these comments as many children have miserable enough lives without making matters worse for them.

Yours faithfully
(MRS) Pamela Barr